

CITY OF PALMDALE
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
ORDINANCE NO. 1577

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALMDALE TO
PREVENT THE USE OF MANDATORY COVID-19 VACCINATIONS AND THE USE
OF VACCINE PASSPORTS**

WHEREAS, autonomy over one's body is a human right enshrined in 5th and 14th Amendments; and

WHEREAS, multiple vaccine options are freely available to those who choose them for personal Protection, and

WHEREAS, individual COVID-19 vaccination records are private health information which should not be shared by mandate; and

WHEREAS, individuals may have infection-acquired immunity, and others are unable to obtain a COVID-19 vaccination due to health, religious, or other reasons; and

WHEREAS, so-called COVID-19 vaccine passports reduce individual freedom and will harm patient privacy; and

WHEREAS, requiring so-called COVID-19 vaccine passports for taking part in everyday life – such as attending a sporting event, patronizing a restaurant, or going to a movie theater – would create two classes of citizens based on vaccination; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to protect the fundamental rights and privacies of people and allow the free flow of commerce within the City; and

WHEREAS, the residents of the City of Palmdale have signed a petition requesting the City Council take action on this matter; and

WHEREAS, the City of Palmdale Charter states its purpose is to "restore to our community the historic principles of self-governance inherent in the doctrine of home-rule"; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALMDALE DOES HEREBY FIND, DETERMINE, RESOLVE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. No Palmdale government entity, or its subdivisions, agents, or assigns shall be permitted to issue vaccine passports, vaccine passes, or other standardized documentation for the purpose of certifying an individual's COVID-19 vaccination status to a third party, or otherwise publish or share any individual's COVID-19 vaccination record or similar health information.

SECTION 2. Businesses in Palmdale are prohibited from requiring patrons or customers to provide any documentation certifying COVID-19 vaccination or post-transmission recovery to gain access to, entry upon, or service from the business.

SECTION 3. The City and all businesses in Palmdale shall not require the COVID-19 vaccination, regular COVID-19 testing or screening as a requirement of employment.

SECTION 4. All businesses must comply with this order to be eligible for permits, grants or contracts issued or funded through the City of Palmdale.

SECTION 5. Severability. If any section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase in this Ordinance or any part thereof is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid or ineffective by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the remaining portions of this Ordinance or any part thereof. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed each section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase thereof irrespective of the fact that any one (1) or more subsections, subdivisions, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared unconstitutional, or invalid, or ineffective, provided the basic purposes of this Ordinance and the benefits to the City and the public are not substantially impaired.

SECTION 6. Certification. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Ordinance and shall cause this Ordinance to be published or posted as required by law.

SECTION 7. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect 30 days after its adoption.

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PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 12th day of January, 2022.

Approved as to form:

Steven D. Hofbauer, Mayor

ATTEST:

Christopher L. Beck
City Attorney

Shanae S. Smith, City Clerk

I, Shanae S. Smith, City Clerk of Palmdale, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was duly introduced, passed, approved, and adopted by the City Council of the City of Palmdale at a regular meeting of said Council held on the _____ day of _____, 20____ effective on the ____ day of _____, 20____ by the following roll call vote:

AYES: _____

NOES: _____

ABSTAIN: _____ ABSENT: _____

Date: _____

Shanae S. Smith, City Clerk